United States District Court Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

February 25, 2021
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

MARGARET VOORHEES,	§
Plaintiff.	§ § 8
VS.	§ CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:18-CV-03748
KELSEY-SEYBOLD CLINIC, P.A.,	§ § 8
Defendant.	§

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S MEMORANDUM AND RECOMMENDATION

On January 8, 2021, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Relator's Second Amended Complaint (Dkt. 21) was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Andrew M. Edison under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). Dkt. 26. On January 29, 2021, Judge Edison filed a Memorandum and Recommendation (Dkt. 28) recommending that Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Relator's Second Amended Complaint (Dkt. 21) be **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part.

On February 12, 2021, Defendant filed its Objections. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), this Court is required to "make a de novo determination of those portions of the [magistrate judge's] report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection [has been] made." After conducting this de novo review, the Court may "accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." *Id.*; *see also* FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b)(3).

The Court has carefully considered the Objections; the Memorandum and Recommendation; the pleadings; and the record. The Court ACCEPTS Judge Edison's Memorandum and Recommendation and ADOPTS it as the opinion of the Court. It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

- (1) Judge Edison's Memorandum and Recommendation (Dkt. 28) is **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** in its entirety as the holding of the Court; and
- (2)Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Relator's Second Amended Complaint (Dkt. 21) is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part. Specifically, the False Claims Act ("FCA") claims under 31 U.S.C. § 3729(a)(1)(A) and (B) survive, while the unjust enrichment and FCA retaliation claim are dismissed.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED and ENTERED this 25th day of February 2021.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE